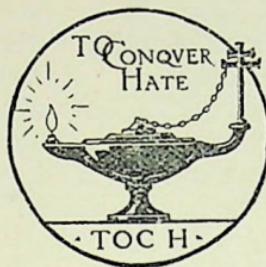


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BIRTHDAY
1915



FESTIVAL
1922

A FAMILY THANKSGIVING

IN THE CHURCH OF

ALL HALLOWS, BARKING,
BY-THE-TOWER,

ON

Friday, December 15th, 1922,

TOGETHER WITH

A LITANY AND OTHER PRAYERS.

6 p.m.—The Induction and Institution of the London Padre of Toc H as Vicar of All Hallows. Form of Service is printed separately.

6.30 p.m.—Congregational Carol Singing.

6.45 p.m.—Thanksgiving Service.

A Text for "Toc H."

From the Diary of A. W. R. Don, who died Sept. 13th, 1916.

"IT is . . . a comfort to know that the new outlook on life and humanity, which characterises our generation, will really be voiced by those who remain, all the more ardently and passionately because of those that this war has and will render silent. *Here indeed is death becoming creative.*"

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"Toc H" is a strange nickname for a wonderful thing, which—like all true movements—was born and bred in sacrifice. The first Talbot House opened in Poperinghe on December 15th, 1915. It was named after Gilbert Talbot, Lieutenant in the Rifle Brigade, who died at Hooghe on July 30th of that year. From the Christian Fellowship begun in the two Talbot Houses in the Salient, among men of all ranks, has since sprung a living Society, which in the four years since the war has spread widely and deeply throughout Great Britain, and has begun to reach overseas as well. Its membership is an aristocracy of comradeship drawn from the schools, offices and factories; its downward age limit is sixteen years.

Toc H has already established Houses, Branches and Chaplaincies in a number of cities and towns. The gospel of its growth, and the various methods of its working, cannot be detailed here.

Its aims are twofold :—

- (1) To challenge the younger men of each generation with the Christian ideal of brotherly love beyond the confines of class.
- (2) To inspire unselfish service in and through its members.

"*Here indeed is death becoming creative.*"

*After the Induction and Institution the following carols
will be sung congregationally :—*

SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW.

See amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.

Hail ! Thou ever blessed morn !
Hail ! Redemption's happy dawn !
Sing thro' all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies ;
He, who thronged in height sublime,
Sits amid the Cherubim !

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn, &c.

Say, ye holy Shepherds, say,
What your joyful news to-day ;
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep ?

Hail, thou ever-blessed, &c.

" As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light ;
Angels singing peace on earth,
Told us of a Saviour's Birth."

Hail, thou ever-blessed, &c.

Sacred Infant, all Divine,
What a tender love was Thine ;
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this !

Hail, thou ever-blessed, &c.

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy sweet humility !

Hail, thou ever-blessed, &c.

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE.

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice ;
Give ye heed to what we say :

News ! News !

Jesus Christ is born to-day :
Ox and ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born to-day !
Christ is born to-day !

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice ;
Now ye hear of endless bliss :

Joy ! Joy !

Jesus Christ was born for this !
He hath oped the heav'nly door,
And man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this !

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice ;
Now ye need not fear the grave :

Peace ! Peace !

Jesus Christ was born to save !
Calls you one and calls you all,
To gain His everlasting hall :
Christ was born to save !

THE FIRST NOEL.

The First Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay ;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the East beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

Nowell, &c.

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far ;
To seek a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

Nowell, &c.

This star drew nigh to the north west,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Nowell, &c.

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Nowell, &c.

Then let us all, with one accord,
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

Nowell, &c.

The Offertories on Friday and Sunday will form, with the permission of the Churchwardens, a fund to be divided between three objects :—

The Transvaal Mission, Bishop of Pretoria's Fund.

The Chapel Fund of Toc H.

The Church Fund of All Hallows.

1. THE GIVING OF THANKS.

During the Thanksgiving Service the Congregation will remain standing, the attitude of Early Christian Thanksgiving.

London
Padre.

LET us pray, with thankful hearts, for the whole household of ToC H. dispersed throughout the world, and for all who have, or shall have rule, authority and leadership therein, that Christ may reign in their hearts by faith, and that they may be rooted and grounded in love.

Let us pray for all our teachers and social workers, that they may in their several callings, by the grace and guidance of God, minister truth and strength to those committed to their charge and influence.

Let us pray for our several houses, and for all who are gathered therein, for those who lead and those who follow, as also for the household helpers that they may all serve God in faith and well-doing and by His blessing be joined together in brotherly love and singleness of heart.

And let us also pray for the maimed that they may be upheld, for the sick that they may be made whole, for the careless that they may be awakened, for the spiritually blind that they may receive their sight, for the weak that they may be strengthened, for the unwary that they may be guarded; and for all who, like sheep, have gone astray, that they may return to the Shepherd and Bishop of their souls.

And finally let us pray our Heavenly Father for ourselves, that for Jesus Christ's sake He may be merciful to us, and that forgiving us our sins and not marking our unworthiness, he may graciously receive these our humble supplications and accept and sanctify us for this work.

Taught by the Divine precept let us make bold to say:—

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

V O God, make speed to save us.

R₇ O Lord, make haste to help us.

V Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R₇ As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V Praise ye the Lord.

R₇ The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM CXXII.

Lætatus sum.

I WAS glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgment : even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

Manchester Padre. Hear the words of the Gospel, written in the Seventh Chapter of St. Matthew, beginning at the twenty-fourth verse.

WHOSOEVER heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock :

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house ; and it fell not : for it was founded upon a rock.

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand :

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house ; and it fell : and great was the fall of it.

And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine.

For he taught them, as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

R_y Praise be unto Thee, O Christ.

Let us sing to the praise of Him who hath kept us from the first day even until now.

Let saints on earth in concert sing

With those whose work is done ;

For all the servants of our King

In Heav'n and earth are one.

One family, we dwell in Him,

One Church, above, beneath ;

Though now divided by the stream,

The narrow stream of death.

One army of the living God,
To His command we bow ;
Part of the host have cross'd the flood,
And part are crossing now.

E'en now to their eternal home
There pass some spirits blest ;
While others to the margin come,
Waiting their call to rest.

Jesu, be Thou our constant Guide ;
Then, when the word is given,
Bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,
And bring us safe to Heav'n.

To be immediately followed by the

MAGNIFICAT.

(St. Luke 1.)

MY soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Let us stand in silence for a space.

Leicester
Padre. V The Lord be with you.

Ry And with Thy spirit.

Southampton
Padre. V Let us bless the Lord.

Ry Thanks be to God.

Birmingham
Padre. V May the souls of our Elder Brethren, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.

Ry And let Light Perpetual shine on them.

London.
Padre. May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us
now and onwards.

Amen.

*The Giving of Thanks now concludes with the singing
of this hymn.*

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green ?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen ?

And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills ?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these dark Satanic Mills ?

Bring me my Bow of burning gold !
Bring me my Arrows of desire !
Bring me my Spear ! O clouds, unfold !
Bring me my Chariot of fire !

I will not cease from Mental Fight,
Nor shall the Sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant Land.

WILLIAM BLAKE.

The Lord
Bishop of
London.

THE BLESSING.

PRAYERS FOR CORPORATE AND PRIVATE USE.

A LITANY CONCERNING "TOC H."

O FATHER, bless Toc H.

Hear us, we pray Thee.

As in the first days, when a new world beckoned to some across the agony, Thy Spirit dwelt in yonder Houses, both made and shattered by the hand of man,

So point and lead us now towards the working for some finer thing than this poor present shows.

Hear us, we pray Thee.

As Thou didst then breathe on better men than before we knew of, making their friendships overcome our fears,

Breathe now on this sincere beginning that seeketh not its own.

Hear us, we pray Thee.

As there Thou didst hallow human needs, giving the tokens of Thy Life to those that were like to die,

Give now the richness of Thy joy to those that need fresh courage, to choose Thy Will amid the maze of many other wills than Thine.

Hear us, we pray Thee.

Help us

To think fairly.

To love widely.

To witness dumbly.

To build bravely.

O good Lord, grant it.

Set Thy mark on every House, and Thy seal on every Branch.

Accept as unto Thee the service each would render,
giving us the ready obedience of servants and the rejoicing hearts of sons.

As the first friends go out in strength, so let the younger come, to be not men only, but Thy men wholly, counting all prowess Thine, and all failure theirs.

O good Lord, grant it.

Teach them the truest aims of youth—

To smite the rock,
And lift the stone,
And cleave the wood,

And find Thee there, yea at the very heart of every day and every duty.

O good Lord, grant it.

Then do Thou watch between us and

Our known and far-off brothers,
Our unknown brothers near,
The Clubs and Camps,
The Troops and Teams,
The Schools with great traditions,
The Schools with none at all,
Our fellow-students, room-mates, class-mates, work-mates, ship-mates.

Help us to help them.

Father, let Thy Hand for ever bless

The named and nameless dead,
The maimed, the blind, the living half-forgotten,
The lone hearts still comfortless,
The mind that has dethroned its reason,
The soul that has enthroned its doubts,
The men that move like pawns, and stray like sheep.

Bless them, and keep them.

And if it comes to any of our Brotherhood to write where many read, or speak where many listen, grant them first to read of Thee, and hearken to Thee.

Teach them Thy Will, Lord.

And when Thine Own hour comes, let our now scattered few be found, a working, widening, watchful family.

Show us Thy way, Lord.

With our blessed dead in rich remembrance, as thus we strive to raise up children to them,

Help us no less to be ourselves Thy children, through Thine Own Son who died for us, Christ Jesus, Lord.

Amen. So be it.

VARIOUS PRAYERS.

For the Birthday Festival.

O GOD, the Holy Spirit, Who hast led us on from strength to strength : unite us when we meet ; and when we part, separate us not. Show us again the vision of Thy Kingdom here on earth : that we may grow in knowledge of Thy Will, and bring forth the fruits of sacrifice in service : through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For the Continued Welfare of Toc H.

WE MOST HUMBLY BESEECH THEE, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with Thy grace, that we may continue in this holy fellowship, and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O THOU who hast given us, for an example, the faithful lives of elder brethren, and the love of friends in Toc H, teach us to honour and to use these gifts aright : and grant that, living in the presence of Christ and learning day by day the power of prayer we may be strong in temptation, patient in trouble, and faithful even unto death.

Amen.

REMEMBER, O GOD, what thou hast wrought in us and not what we deserve ; and, as Thou hast called us to Thy service, make us worthy of our calling.

Amen.

For Our Common Life.

QETERNAL Lord, Father of mercies and God of hope, Who hast in Thy love joined us together in one Brotherhood ; We humbly beseech Thee that Thou wouldest enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to offer to Thee the perfect sacrifice of ourselves, our souls and bodies, and to receive each from the fulness of the common life in Thee that which we severally need for our proper work, the gift of faith and wisdom, the gift of hope and patience, the gift of sympathy and love ; and so enlighten, O Lord, the eyes of our hearts, that we may discern Thy Presence at all times, and evermore rejoice in Thy peace ; through Thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Sympathy.

BLESSED Lord, Who for our sakes wast content to bear sorrow and want and death ; Grant to us such a measure of Thy Spirit that we may follow Thee in all self-denial and tenderness of soul. Help us, by Thy great love, to succour the afflicted, to relieve the needy and destitute, to comfort the feeble-minded, to share the burdens of the heavy-laden, and ever to see Thee in all that are poor and desolate ; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

For Faith.

O LORD GOD, in Whom we live, and move, and have our being ; Open our eyes that we may behold Thy Fatherly Presence ever about us. Draw our hearts to Thee with the power of Thy love. Teach us in nothing to be anxious ; and when we have done what Thou hast given us to do, help us, O God our Saviour, to leave the issue to Thy wisdom. Take from us all doubt and distrust. Lift our thoughts up to Thee in heaven ; and make us to know that all things are possible to us through Thy Son our Redeemer. Amen.

For the Love of God.

O GOD, the God of all goodness and grace, Who art worthy of a greater love than we can either give or understand ; Fill our hearts, we beseech Thee, with such love towards Thee, that nothing may seem too hard for us to do or to suffer in obedience to Thee. Grant that we may become daily more like unto Thee ; and finally obtain the crown of life which Thou hast promised to those that love Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Christian Social Workers.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, who didst send Thy Blessed Son not to be ministered unto but to minister ; We beseech Thee to bless all those who, following in His steps, give themselves to the service of their fellow-men. Endue them with wisdom, patience and courage, that they may strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall ; and, being inspired by Thy love, may worthily minister in Thy Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy ; for the sake of Him who laid down His life for us, the same Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

TEACH us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest :
to give and not to count the cost : to fight and not
to heed the wounds : to toil and not to seek for
rest : to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that
of knowing that we do Thy Will : Who livest and reignest
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world
without end. Amen.

For the Victory of Right.

OGOD of all Truth and Light, purge our country
from all errors, abuses, corruption and sin. Beat
down the standard of Satan, and set up everywhere
the standard of Christ. Abolish the reign of evil, and
establish the Kingdom of Grace in all hearts. Through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Consecration of our own Lives.

GRANT, O Christ, unto thy servants
To be set on fire with Thy Spirit,
To be strengthened by Thy Power,
To be illumined by Thy Splendour,
To be supported in Thy Grace.
Amen.

A Final Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester.

THANKS be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
For all the benefits Thou has given me.
For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
May I know Thee more clearly,
May I love Thee more dearly,
May I follow Thee more nearly.

Amen.